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INFO AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE
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C O N F I D E N T I A L KINSHASA 1706

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EAID, OTRA, CG
SUBJECT: UMBA VISIT TO US AND AMBASSADOR CUTLER'S CONSULTATION

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1. I ATTENDED BREAKFAST GIVEN BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS UMBA AT HIS RESIDENCE FEB. 18. OTHER PARTICIPANTS WERE FONMINISTRY DIRECTOR GENERAL IDZUMBUIR, CHINESE AMBASSADOR AND CHARGES D'AFFAIRES FOR SOVIET UNION, FRANCE, AND GREAT BRITIAN. UMBA GAVE REASON FOR MEETING AS "ROUTINE CONTACT", WHICH PRESIDENT HAD WANTED TO MAKE HIMSELF BUT HAD BEEN PREVENTED FROM DOING AT LAST MOMENT BY OTHER DEVELOPMENTS. UMBA SAID THAT GOZ WANTED TO INFORM REPRESENTATIVES OF UN SECURITY COUNCIL PERMANENT MEMBER GOVERNMENTS OF STATUS OF ZAIRIAN-ANGOLAN RELATIONS. UMBA'S EXPOSE ON THIS SUBJECT HAD
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LOW KEY QUALITY AND WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS, ESENTIALLY
CONFIRMED INFORMATION ALREADY REPORTED BY MISSION. (SEPTTEL
FOLLOWS).

2. CHARGE INFORMED FOREIGN COMMISSIONER UMBA THAT GIVEN
IMPORTANCE USG ATTACHES TO FORTHCOMING CONSULTATIONS IN
WASHINGTON, AMB CUTLER WILL EXTEND HIS STAY TO HELP PREPARE

FOR VISIT AND BE PRESENT DURING IT. COMMISSIONER WELCOMED
THAT NEWS.

3. UMBA TOLD BREAKFAST GUESTS THAT HE PLANS TO LEAVE HERE
FEBRUARY 19 FOR TRAVEL TO THE HAGUE, LONDON, PARIS, WASHINGTON
AND OTTAWA. POSSIBLE ADDITIONS TO ITINERARY WILL
BE BONN AND JIDDA. HE STILL PLANS TO BE IN WASHINGTON MARCH
1-3. IN RESPONSE TO GUESTS' PROBING ABOUT NATURE OF TRIP UMBA
DESCRIBED IT AS VOYAGE TO DELIVER TO CHIEFS OF STATE/HEADS
OF GOVERNMENT PRESIDENTIAL LETTERS ABOUT MOBUTU PLAN. BROAD
PURPOSE HE SAID WAS TO INFORM GOVERNMENTS ON POLITICAL LEVEL
(SENSIBILISER POLITIQUEMENT) ZAIRE'S FRIENDS CONCERNING GOZ
EFFORTS FOR ECONOMIC RECOVERY. UMBA SAID THAT PLAN ITSELF IS
STILL BEING COMPLETED AND THAT HE DOES NOT EXPECT TO CARRY WITH
HIM EVEN A SUMMARY OF IT. (PRESIDENTIAL AIDE BOKANA REPORTEDLY
LEAVES FOR BRUSSELS THIS WEEKEND TO WORK FURTHER WITH
MOLDAGUE GROUP ON PLAN ITSELF). UMBA TOLD CHARGE THAT HE
UNDERSTOOD FROM AMBASSADOR KASONGO THAT PLANNING FOR
WASHINGTON VISIT WAS PROCEEDING WELL.
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